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NOTICE AND AGENDA
ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
PARKS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
ZOOM Meeting MINUTES

Thursday, October 22, 2026 @ 5 pm

Zoom meeting online or by telephone
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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026, ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. **Public Comments on non-agenda items are limited to TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker.** Time may be adjusted at the Chair's discretion.

Public comment on agenda items will be heard when the item is up for discussion. **Public comment on agenda items is limited to ONE MINUTE (1) per agenda item.** Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Time may be adjusted at the Chair's discretion.

Voting Committee Members: *Glenn Bailey (Co-Chair) - Present, *Rachel Perry (Co-Chair) - Present, *Shaindi Schwebel- Present, *Robert Meer- Present, Marianne Davis- Absent, Richard Davis - Absent

Alternate Voting Committee Members: *Josh Sautter- Absent, Amy Zidell- Absent

***Indicates ENC Board Member or Alternate; no more than five (5) ENC Board Members and/or Alternates may be seated at one time during any ENC Committee Meeting**

1. **Start Recording / Call To Order / Roll Call / Determination Of Quorum 5:02PM**
2. **Comments from Co-Chairs**
    a. Please let chairs know if there are any DONE approved accommodations
3. **Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan (Info Item)**
    a. Meeting was held by the Bureau of Engineering on 10/14/26. Presentation Link **HERE**
    b. Website Link **HERE**
    c. Vision Plan file **HERE**
    d. Vision Plan CF 23-0105 **HERE**

Glenn Bailey: The Vision Plan is a City-led effort, separate from the Army Corps of Engineers' Master Plan, and the City is seeking outside funding for it. Some Vision Plan proposals are not allowed under the current 2011 Master Plan and would require Master Plan changes. The 2011 Master Plan process included multiple public workshops. That process produced protections such as limits on very large events in Woodley Park.

Rachel Perry: October 14 community Vision Plan meeting update. Meeting covered the river and projects across the Basin, such as new bridges. The City said it will seek community feedback as individual Vision Plan projects roll out.

4. **Sepulveda Basin Master Plan Draft 2026**

    Discussion among committee members and stakeholders about the Master Plan 2026 draft. Two Motions were made and voted on. Motion 1) request an extension to comments on master plan draft and have Army Corps of Engineers host a community meeting. Pat Bates shared her screen and presented SFVAS's comments on the draft. Glenn, Rachel, Robert, Shaindi, and Pat developed motion 2 based on Pat's presentation and committee collaboration and concerns. Motion 2 is a 4-part motion that incorporated comments about 1) Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve 2) Park Rangers 3) The Back 40 4) Lighting, Noise, and Hours of Use. Pat asked for the motion text so she could attach it to the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee agenda. Motions below:

    ENC PARKS & ENVIRONMENT MOTIONS

    Special Meeting 10/22/26

    Sepulveda Basin 2026 Master Plan Draft

    Overview:
    Sepulveda Dam and Reservoir is a multi-purpose structure along the Los Angeles River constructed by the US Army Corps of Engineers in the 1940s. Its primary purpose is flood risk

management, but it also provides environmental, cultural, and recreational resources for Los Angeles County citizens and the nation as a whole. This 2,131-acre project area is in Los Angeles County on the Los Angeles River.

Sepulveda Dam Master Plan and Environmental Assessment Drafts
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District and Regional Planning and Environmental Center are seeking public comments on the draft 2026 Sepulveda Dam Master Plan. This draft is a revision of the 2011 Sepulveda Dam Master Plan and proposes updated classifications to federal lands within the Sepulveda Dam Flood Control Basin, outlines updated management and resource goals, describes the Flood Control Basin's ecological, environmental, demographic and recreational context, and responds to comments received from the initial public comment period. All members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments and suggestions by Oct. 30, 2026.

The Master Plan is intended to serve as a comprehensive land and recreational management plan with a life span of 25 years. It guides the stewardship of natural and cultural resources and the provision of outdoor recreation facilities and opportunities to ensure sustainability of federal land associated with Sepulveda Dam. *Summaries from US Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District Website*

MOTION 1

Regarding the 2026 Sepulveda Basin Master Plan Draft: Recommend the ENC Board request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 1) hold a public meeting and 2) extend the comment period deadline from the current deadline of 10/30/26 until 30 days after the public meeting has been held.

2026 Master Plan Draft Link **HERE**

Master Plan Draft Comment Form **HERE**

Rachel proposed the motion

Robert 2nd the motion

Vote: 4 Yes/0 No/0 Abstain

Rachel Y, Robert Y, Glenn Y, Shaindi Y

MOTION 2

ENC Parks and Environment Committee recommends the ENC Board support the following comments regarding the 2026 Sepulveda Basin Master Plan Draft

1) **Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve:** Request that the entire Wildlife Reserve be

classified as Wildlife Management, including the approximately 12-acre area along Haskell Creek south of Wildlife Way, which the draft classifies as High Density Recreation. This area has been part of the Reserve since 1988 and contains riparian habitat where Least Bell's vireos nest. We also request that the final plan confirm that reclassifying the Reserve from Environmentally Sensitive Area to Wildlife Management will not remove any existing wildlife protections, and that uses in the Reserve remain limited to quiet enjoyment, with no amplified sound, large events, fires, or bright lighting.

2) **Park rangers.** Add a resource objective that requires sufficient park ranger staffing to regularly patrol the entire Sepulveda Basin and protect its natural resources, wildlife areas, and visitors. The Corps shall provide its own rangers and coordinate patrols with the City's Recreation and Parks rangers and other partner agencies.
3) **Back 40.** Reclassify the undeveloped area known as the "Back 40" (located north of the Los Angeles River, west of the Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex, and northeasterly of the G Line Bridge over the Los Angeles River) from High Density Recreation to Low Density Recreation, consistent with its current condition. Appendix E (p. E-8) acknowledges that this land "has not been developed."
4) **Lighting, noise, and hours of use:** The draft places no limits on new or extended lighting, amplified sound, or hours of use near homes or wildlife areas surrounding the Sepulveda Basin, and the Environmental Assessment contains no analysis of noise or light impacts on adjacent residents or wildlife. We request that the final plan include a resource objective that prohibits new or expanded lighting, amplified sound, and extended hours of use in areas bordering residential neighborhoods and wildlife areas. Any future proposal of this kind should require separate environmental review with public comment.

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Robert 2nd the motion

Vote: 4 Yes/0 No/0 Abstain

Rachel Y, Robert Y, Glenn Y, Shaindi Y

5. **Announcements:**
    a. Committee member announcements about items not on this agenda
        - Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee meets next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Balboa Sports Center, with a Zoom option; agenda will be posted on Friday.
        - Shine LA cleanup in the Basin with Council District 6 & Mayor Karen Bass Saturday, October 24, from 9 a.m. to noon. Staging will move from Bull Creek to the west side of Lake Balboa, and parking may be limited. There will also be habitat restoration and weed pulling in the Wildlife Reserve the same day. Participants will receive community service certificates; volunteers can RSVP HERE

- Both motions from this meeting will be on the agenda for the ENC General Board meeting next Wednesday, October 28, at 7 p.m. in person at the Women's Center behind the Encino Community Center.

6. **Adjournment 6:01PM**

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